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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 157]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 41]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages _____]
a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.65(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Codon-Optimized Polynucleotide-Based Vaccines Against *Bacillus Anthracis* Infection

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 121 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 35 pages of claims (135 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 41 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9A, 9B, 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 15C, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18A, 18B, 19, 20 and 21);
- c. 90 pages of a paper copy of the sequence listing;
- d. A computer readable copy of the sequence listing. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the paper copy of the sequence listing and the computer readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith in the above application are the same;

3. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
4. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3); and
5. Two (2) return postcards.

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

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